

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0034] as shown by the revised mark-up copy of the paragraph below:

[0034] Login service 232a sends the unique session identifier and the MD5 hash of the session key to census service 232d over network connections 236. Census service 232d receives the metering packets from client 210 over network connection 220c and uses the session identifier to track the client's usage of the services provided by proxy service 230, such as email service 232b, web service 232c, and other services 232n. As metering packets are received, the census service checks a cache of received metering packets so that redundant packets are not reflected in usage database 234d. Usage database 234d is one example of usage means for tracking at least one client's usage of one or more services. The size of the cache is configurable. In one embodiment, the census service is implemented as a Unix daemon.